Psalm 112:6 The Righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance

Every man with a wholesome ambition desires to make a name for himself that shall live after him. Man hates to be for gotten. He wants to be remembered.

Butrealizing that in all history there are but a rare few who have names that will never be forgotten, how can we ordinary mortals hope to have our names endure forever? Perhaps a few examples will suggest an answer.

Nearly 2000 yrs ago lived a young man who possessed no more native ability than had the thousands of other young men around him. Yet he is remembered to this day while the others have long since been forgotten.

He never was noted for his learning or eloquence, his heroism or genius. He founded no cities, wrote no books, etc. Died in an obscure place and buried in a forgotten grave. Yet his name today is more widely known than the names of Demosthenes, Cicero, Homer, Milton or Shakespeare. His name is ahousehold word in millions

of homes, read in hundreds of languages and will be held in m remembrance as long as time shall be.

Who was this famous young man and what was the secret of his l life? He was the one to whom these words were addressed, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise."

A Frenchman has said, "The way to civilize a man is to civiliz his grandmother." Just after this manner was the character of our young man formed. "The faith that dwelt in him first dwelt in his grandmother Lois, and then in his mother, Eunice, and then in him also." This was the reason Paul chose Timothy in preference to any other of the thousands of young men. Paul knew his man and Timoty knew his Bible.

In the Book of Chrinicles it is written of a certain man, "They buried him in the sepulcher of the kings." And yet he was but a a plain citizen, an obscure teacher. He had neither gold nor position. But all his life he lived to help others. He shielded the orphan, he dug springs in the desert for thirsty lips, he plucked thistles and planted flowers wherever he went. His whol

life was that of comrade, friend, brother. Those over whom trouble cast a black pall fled to Jehoida the man who could help.

The news spread one morning that Jehoida was dead. How they all gathered about the bier and how they mourned! Who Where should they bury him? In the sepulchre of their kings, of course. Darlyle speaks of "Uncrowned Kings".

In striking contrast comes this other record in Chron icles, "King Jehoram died, and because he had done evil in the sight of God, they buried him not in the sepulchre of the kings."

Some yrs ago an old woman made her home in a wretched cabin in one of the mining districts of Pa. No church within 5 mile. As she hobbled to meeting many of the miners would stop their ca ousing long enough to curse and jeer her. But beyond a gentle entreaty or word of kindness the old saint took it all in silen

But when Mother Smith died all the miners gathered together and sent for a minister to hold a service : then afterwards one stepped up to the minister and said, "We want you to come back again; we nev had any use for such things, but if you can tell us what made her so good, we'll listen to you".

Every Sunday this woman preached a sermon five miles long, and all along the road she traveled a harvest was gathered.

None of us may achieve worldly fame, but all of us may, if we will, be held in everlasting remembrance by living ~~a~~ ~~life~~ our lives in the righteousness of God. To the extent of our dealings and contacts with others we can repeat Mother Fulton's sermon.

Cleveland has two statues of former Cleveland citizensadorning her public places. At the entrance of Wade Park stands the likeness of Mark Hanna and in the public square stands the heroic fugure of Tom Jounson. Mark Hanna made some millions and then he had the vision of making more. He died rich.

Tom Johnson made a million or so and then he had a vision- a vision of serving the people and fighting for their rights. He spent his pile in that service and died a poor man.

Anybody in Cleveland can tell you about Tom Johnson; not one in ~~100~~ Knows anything about Mark Hanna. Always a group at the Johnson monument reading the inscriptions, seldom any one at the Hanna tomb.

5. Would you keep your name from oblivion? Then do something for God and humanity. The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

I suppose Peter was a good fisherman, Paul a good tent-maker Jesus was a good carpenter. But suppose Peter had been a fisherman only? And Paul a tent-maker only? And suppose Jesus ~~was~~ had been a carpenter only? They would have been forgotten centuries ago. "Blessed is the man who puts his trust in the Lord".

The only perpetuation of a name is the character for which it stands. If it be a character of selfishness and greed, heartless indifference to the needs of others, caring only for personal advantage in life, the name will soon be forgotten however large the fortune amassed, however high the position held.

But of it be a name that stands for goodness and kindness, if it be the name of a friend, a counsellor, a brother, it will be held in everlasting remembrance.

6. This morning we are reminded of him who said, "This do in remembrance of me". His name is above every name and should all other names be forgotten, his would endure forever.

But think of the price Jesus paid for His everlasting name. What poverty was his. What tireless labor for the poor. What deliberate choosing of the thorny path. What pity for the suffering and what forgiveness for enemies. What a friend he was to everyone. What a Friend We Have In Jesus'.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are given our immortality, but by our own service and sacrifice must we keep it and increase it.